

104TH CONGRESS
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S. 1437

To provide for an increase in funding for the conduct and support of diabetes-related research by the National Institutes of Health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 29, 1995

Mr. THURMOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Diabetes Research Act
5 of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Diabetes is a serious health problem in
9 America.

1 (2) More than 14,000,000 Americans suffer
2 from diabetes.

3 (3) Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of
4 death in America, taking the lives of 162,000 people
5 annually.

6 (4) Diabetes disproportionately affects minority
7 populations, especially African-Americans, Hispanics,
8 and Native Americans.

9 (5) Diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness,
10 affecting up to 39,000 Americans each year.

11 (6) Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure
12 requiring dialysis or transplantation, affecting
13 up to 13,000 Americans each year.

14 (7) Diabetes is the leading cause of
15 nontraumatic amputations, affecting 54,000 Americans
16 each year.

17 (8) The cost of treating diabetes and its complications
18 are staggering for our Nation.

19 (9) Diabetes accounted for health expenditures
20 of \$105,000,000,000 in 1992.

21 (10) Diabetes accounts for over 14 percent of
22 our Nation's health care costs.

23 (11) Federal funds invested in diabetes research
24 over the last two decades has led to significant
25 advances and, according to leading scientists

1 and endocrinologists, has brought the United States
2 to the threshold of revolutionary discoveries which
3 hold the potential to dramatically reduce the eco-
4 nomic and social burden of this disease.

5 (12) The National Institute of Diabetes and Di-
6 gestive and Kidney Diseases supports, in addition to
7 many other areas of research, genetic research, islet
8 cell transplantation research, and prevention and
9 treatment clinical trials focusing on diabetes. Other
10 research institutes within the National Institutes of
11 Health conduct diabetes-related research focusing on
12 its numerous complications, such as heart disease,
13 eye and kidney problems, amputations, and diabetic
14 neuropathy.

15 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH; INCREASED
16 FUNDING REGARDING DIABETES.**

17 With respect to the conduct and support of diabetes-
18 related research by the National Institutes of Health—

19 (1) in addition to any other authorization of ap-
20 propriations that is available for such purpose for
21 the fiscal year involved, there are authorized to be
22 appropriated for such purpose such sums as may be
23 necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 through
24 2000; and



1 (2) of the amounts appropriated under para-
2 graph (1) for such purpose for a fiscal year, the Di-
3 rector of the National Institutes of Health shall re-
4 serve—

5 (A) not less than \$155,000,000 for such
6 purpose for the National Institute of Diabetes
7 and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; and

8 (B) not less than \$160,000,000 for such
9 purpose for the other national research insti-
10 tutes.

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